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Attention: Transportation Committee Members of the Conn. General Assembly.

Subject: Proposed Bill 800: An Act Restoring Commuter Rail Service
From Waterbury to Hartford.

Hello All,

Please be clear that I am definitely opposed to this proposed bill in its entirety.

Please consider what has already gone into the New Britain / Hartford Busway.

As President of the Parkville Community Association, I can assure you that the Parkville Neighborhood fully supports the New Britain / Hartford Busway Project. We look forward to the Busway's completion as it will provide new&improved bus transit service for our neighborhood and the station will be a neighborhood asset.

Over the past several years we have met regularly with the Conn. Department of Transportation, providing input on design issues, and developing plans for transit oriented development. We look forward to the construction of the Busway Project & the high level of bus rapid transit service that it will provide to this entire region.

From our neighborhood's perspective any talk of ending the Busway Project now is extremely short sighted. Failure of State of Conn. to provide match funding for the final federal funding anticipated to complete this project ignores the merits of the entire project & the efforts of the Conn. Department of Transportation, as well as the efforts of citizens, like those of us in Parkville who have also contributed to the design and planning of this New Britain / Hartford Busway for over (10) years.

Please don't give up on the New Britain / Hartford Busway Project, it will be many years before the State of Conn. gets any other project to this stage of completion.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joseph Langlais
Hartford, Connecticut

Cc: CRCOG, Mayor Pedro Segarra, City of Hartford, Court of Common Council.